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LANDON LECTURES

Series set to feature Washington insiders

By Rebecca Bush KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The next editions of K-State's Landon Lecture Series will have a de-

cidedly federal feel, as both the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the chair of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation have been slated to present lectures this fall. Michael Adm.



Mullen

G. Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is scheduled to present the series's 154th lecture at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 31 in

McCain Auditorium. Prior to becoming the 17th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in October 2007, Mullen served as chief of naval operations and commander of NATO Joint Force Command Naples and U.S. Naval Forces Europe, in addition to other leadership positions.

"As the principal military adviser to the president, secretary of defense, National Security Council and Homeland Security Council, Adm. Mullen is the nation's highest ranking military officer and responsible for the unified strategic direction of our combatant forces," said Charles Reagan, chair of the Landon Lecture Series and K-State chief of staff and deputy to the president in a press release.

Sheila C. Bair, chair of the FDIC and native of Independence, Kan., is scheduled to speak at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 2, also in McCain Auditorium. Before being appointed to her five-year term in 2006, some of Bair's other leadership

roles included assistant secretary for financial institutions at the U.S. Department of the Treasury and senior vice president for government relations of the New York Stock Exchange.



Bair

of her speech will be who should control our nation's big banks in light of the federal bailout program," Reagan said in the press release.

Both lectures are free and open to the public.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Commission recommends publishing city budget

By Rico van Buskirk KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The 2010 Manhattan City budget was recommended for publication Tues-

Bernie Hayen, finance director for the city of Manhattan, concluded the commission's weekly meeting with a recommendation that the mayor and commissioners approve the budget for

Publication of the city budget every summer enables the public to become informed about the spending of Manhattan government. A public forum will be held later in the month to hear citizens' concerns about the budget.

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Changing of the guard



Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks (right), Commanding General of the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, passes the flag of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade on to the incoming brigade commander Col. Frank Muth (left) at a change of command ceremony Friday. The command has been passed down from Col. Jessie Farrington, who served as commander of the brigade for two years.

Combat Aviation Brigade welcomes new commander

By Shelton Burch KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Col. Jessie Farrington handed over command of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade to Col. Frank Muth Friday at Fort Riley after two years and a deployment to Iraq.

The change of command ceremony took place on Marshall Army Airfield Friday and featured a variety of military traditions. The event was officially started with the firing of "Old Thunder," a Revolutionary War-replica cannon that is maintained by the 5th Field Artillery regiment. The regiment itself is the oldest continually serving unit in the U.S.

Next came the traditional "arrival of the official party," in which the audience was asked to stand while a 21-gun salute was fired off by a 105 Howitzer artillery piece. This salute officially and traditionally welcomed Farrington, Muth and Maj. Gen. Vincent Brooks, Commanding General of the 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley.

Brooks then went to the podium and spoke to the soldiers in formation and the audience, instantly drawing smiles from both.

Brooks told the soldiers to regain their bearing and discussed the Aviation Brigade's many merits under Farrington.

"The accomplishments of this brigade are extremely impressive," he said. "Deploying and conducting combat aviation missions in Iraq to whip up over a quarter million hours flown without any aircraft mishaps or combat losses – that's a remarkable record even for a unit in the continental U.S., much less for a unit serving 15 months in a combat

After Brooks spoke, Farrington went to the podium. Like Brooks, Farrington thanked the troops but also showed a great deal of appreciation to the families of the soldiers.

To the 'Demon' families, I want to thank you for your support. You do this without fanfare or reward," Farrington said. "And we could not do this without you?

Incoming brigade commander Muth echoed this sentiment in a post-ceremony discussion with the media, saying that even though he had meetings starting immediately, he still needed to give his family and the families of the soldiers top priority.

"The priority is the family," Muth said, "both personally but also generally for the

Unveiled at the change of command ceremony was the UH-60M, the newest version of the Blackhawk. While the basic structure of the aircraft is similar to that of older models, the M-version has a variety of new features: wider rotor blades for improved rotor efficiency; computer monitors for each pilot, allowing a digital representation of where the helicopter is at all times; and a full keyboard and screen for each pilot, allowing for instant text messaging between pilots and command, which makes flight through combat zones significantly more safe.

Kansas a possible candidate for Pickens' wind farm

By Justin Moss KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Texas oil billionaire T. Boone Pickens has put a halt to his plans for a monumental wind farm in Texas, stating that he will construct several smaller wind

farms instead.

In May, Pickens' company, Mesa Power, announced its order of 667 turbines from General Electric Co. Due to the struggling economy, Pickens said his investment company, BP Capital Management had lost too much money. Shortly after, Mesa announced the cancellation of 120 land leases in the eastern panhandle of Texas.

Mesa's initial plan was to construct enough turbines in stages to build a wind farm rated at 4,000 megawatts covering 400,000 acres in five different Texas counties. As a result of financing problems and transmission limitation, this plan has been delayed.

"I didn't cancel it. Financing is tough right now and so it's going to be delayed a year or two."

Pickens said. Pickens had planned to accumulate enough wind turbines to equal 4,000 megawatts at one location near Pampa, Texas. This would power 1.2 million homes by 2014, costing over \$8 billion.

"I had hoped that Pampa would be the starting point, but transmission issues and the problem with capital markets make that unfeasable at this point" Pickens said. "I am fully committed to wind energy and to developing wind projects in the U.S. and perhaps Canada."

For the time being, Mesa has about \$2 billion worth of wind turbines on order from General Electric. This order is scheduled to arrive in 2011.

"I don't have that big a garage to put them in, so I've got to start getting ready to use them," Pickens said.

Mesa's new plan, released by Pickens, is to build several smaller wind farms. Pickens said that he is scouting locations in Texas, Okla-



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

A lone wind turbine stands near Denison and Kimball avenues Tuesday afternoon. T. Boone Pickens' power company, Mesa Power, is considering constructing several turbines in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.

homa, Wisconsin and Kansas. Each small wind farm would consist of about 150 turbines apiece. In regard to Kansas being

considered for location of Mesa

Wind Farms, Rep. Sydney Carlin, D-Manhattan, said, "I think we need to take advantage of this and encourage the production of new wind farms in Kansas.'

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals W







COOL SPLASH



The Natatorium features diving boards, swimming lanes, and a sunning deck. Access to the pool is free to K-State students, with memberships available to community members.

Campus, city pools offer chance to enjoy exercise, recreation

As temperatures continue to climb, don't let the dog days of summer bring you down. Local pools offer plenty of opportunities to have fun and stay cool.

K-State Natatorium — free to students, memberships available Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 6-7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday: closed

Sunday: 1-4 p.m., 7:30-9:30 p.m.

*The Natatorium will be closed during August for repairs. **CiCo Park and Northview Park pools:** \$3 for adults, discounts available

1-8:45 p.m. daily

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WEIRD NEWS

WEDDING BOUQUET **CRASHES PLANE IN ITALY**

ROME - A romantic wedding in the Tuscan countryside ended with injuries after an attempt to launch the bride's bouquet from a plane brought down the tiny aircraft. Italian police say two people were hurt in the crash of the ultralight plane after the bridal bouquet they launched got caught in the aircraft's rear rotor.

The flowers blocked the engine, bringing the plane down by a youth hostel.

Police in the nearby town of Piombino said the pilot was lightly injured in Saturday's crash, while the passenger who threw the bouquet had several broken bones.

The bride and groom were not aboard the plane.

MAN USES BEER TO ENTICE ALLEGED BURGLAR TO LEAVE

BAR HARBOR, Maine - Police said a homeowner in Maine used a beer to entice an intoxicated intruder to leave. The intruder apparently didn't realize that it was a nonalcoholic beer. Bar Harbor police said the homeowner awoke early Monday to find 22-year-old Scott Cote in the bedroom and used the beer to convince him to carry on.

Police said they found Cote breaking into cars a short time later and arrested him after he fled into some woods.

Police arrested Cote on charges of burglary, criminal mischief, operating a motor vehicle after revocation and violating the conditions of release.

Cote was returned to the Hancock County Jail after an initial appearance in court Tuesday. No lawyer has been assigned to represent him.

PARENTS' LATE-NIGHT **FAST-FOOD RUN GOES** TO POT

INDIANAPOLIS - Police have arrested a couple allegedly caught smoking marijuana while waiting in the drive-through line at an Arby's restaurant with their 1-year-old in the back seat. A restaurant employee noticed the aroma late Friday and called 911, then had the couple wait for their order of chicken as police sped to the scene.

Officer Brian Silcox said he smelled marijuana while approaching the car. He said both a 27-year-old man and 25-year-old woman told officers Chatman had been smoking a cigar.

Police also said a loaded handgun was found in the car.

The pair were arrested on charges of neglect of a dependent. The man also was arrested on a marijuana possession charge. Child welfare officials took custody of the baby. The couple's first court appearance is scheduled for Wednesday.

SUSPECTED ROBBER HAILS RIDE FROM COP

SAGINAW, Mich. - Authorities say a parolee who robbed a Michigan bank was caught when he tried to hitch a ride from an undercover police detective. Mark E. White was arraigned Friday on charges that include bank robbery and making a false bomb threat. He is being held at the Saginaw County Jail on \$755,000 bond.

Authorities said that White flagged down Saginaw Township Detective Scott Jackson on Wednesday after the bank robbery a few blocks away.

White was paroled June 16 after serving time for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY ...

NIXON ANNOUNCES VISIT TO CHINA

During a live television and radio broadcast, President Richard Nixon stunned the nation in 1971 by announcing that he would visit communist China the following year. The statement marked a dramatic turning point in U.S.-China relations, as well as a major shift in American foreign policy.

Nixon was not always so eager to reach out to China. Since the Communists came to power in China in 1949, Nixon had been one of the most vociferous critics of American efforts to establish diplomatic relations with

By 1971, a number of factors pushed Nixon to reverse his stance on China. First and foremost was the

1918: Czar Nicholas II and Romanov family executed

Also this week in history:

1848: Seneca Falls Convention begins

and trade partners. Henry Kissinger, Nixon's national security adviser, aimed to use the promise of closer relations and increased trade possibilities with China as a way to put increased pressure on North Vietnam — a Chinese ally — to reach an acceptable peace settlement. Kissinger called such foreign policy "realpolitik," or politics that favored dealing with other powerful nations in a practical manner rather than on the basis of political doctrine or ethics.

Vietnam War. The Chinese were desperate for new allies

Nixon undertook his historic "journey for peace" in 1972, beginning a long and gradual process of normalizing relations between China and the U.S. and paving the way for other presidents to use realpolitik.

1941: Joe DiMaggio ends 56-game hitting streak

1945: Atom bomb successfully tested

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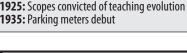
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Fort Riley soldiers say goodbye to deploy to Afghanistan





Photos by Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Left: Sgt. Jason Heitmann of the 97th Military Police Battalion salutes the American flag during the playing of the national anthem during the unit's deployment ceremony Thursday at Fort Riley. Right: Maj. Omar Lomas lifts his son Diego while the rest of his family waits to go home after the deployment ceremony.

By Shelton Burch KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Friends and family members wished a safe tour to nearly 80 soldiers of the 97th Military Police Battalion in a deployment ceremony Thursday at Fort Riley.

The soldiers are members of the Headquarters detachment of the battalion and are being sent to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The ceremony began with

the deploying soldiers standing in formation behind a color guard of two armed soldiers. Two flag bearers held the flags of the United States and the Detachment. After a short introduction, the history of the detachment was read.

The detachment first entered service in 1945 and fought in the Korean and Vietnam wars. Most recently, the detachment was called into service in support of multi-national troops in Tikrit, Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They returned from that deployment in spring 2008.

The ceremony included a reading of the unit history, an invocation and the playing of the national anthem, followed by the ceremonial casing of the colors. During the ceremony, detachment commanders wrapped the unit's flag and put a case over it, signifying that the detachment was no longer at Fort Riley.

The troops, who varied in

age from 19 to mid-40's, have been preparing for the trip for nearly a year. The deployment itself is scheduled to last 12 months, said Lt. Col. David Chase, commander of the 97th Military Police Battalion.

Chase said he is still surprised by how young soldiers are when they are willing to serve.

"A lot of soldiers that we have who join the Army or reenlist in the Army have done it while conflicts have still been going on," he said. "That always surprises me, that we still have young people that are willing to commit, knowing there is a war going on, and do the things that

While in Afghanistan, the detachment will focus on training the increasing Afghan police force. Chase said he feels the unit will do well in its mission.

'We had a similar mission in Iraq training the Iraqi police," he said. "We're ready."

K-State colleges, media sources now using Twitter

By Hannah Blick

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The latest social-networking tool is taking on a more professional appeal on campus.

Individual colleges, media sources and even the new K-State first family is using Twitter.com to send out news and updates more quickly to the K-State community.

Erin Barcomb-Peterson, research news and feature coordinator for K-State Media Relations, is one of two employees responsible for updating the Media Relations Twitter page about three or four times every day.

Media Relations has had a Twitter page since January and uses it to promote news releases that go out in the mornings. Barcomb-Peterson said the challenge at first was deciding which stories to promote and how to present the information in 140-character "tweets."

"One thing that's been really

rewarding is seeing our following grow," she said. "We're up to 881

The Media Relations staff also started a social media group on campus to help guide different

through the beginning stages of online posting and net-The working. group included University Publications, the K-Alumni Association and

several other on-campus media sources, Barcomb-Peterson said.

Visit the Collegian Twitter page at

twitter.com/KSUCollegian

The staff had meetings addressing how to use Twitter effectively, and she said they set up two

main guidelines for using the site: 1. It's always better to refer readers to another place, like a link to the full story or more information from a Web site.

2. It's important to start dialogues with readers, rather than just providing them the information.

The Information Technology Assistance Center in Hale Library has also provided teaching and learning methods for faculty and staff on how to use Twitter.

site in the Info-Tech Tuesday **GET UPDATES FROM THE** newsletter on the K-State Web site, **COLLEGIAN'S TWITTER!** an online "e-tip"

The staff has addressed the

a live session in Hale Library. Cham-Kevin pion, technol-

tutorial and in

ogy information specialist with iTAC, said Twitter become popular on campus when President Kirk Shulz started his account this spring. He also said Twitter's realtime nature is what sets it apart from other forms of communica-

"I think it's an exciting and emergent form of communication," Champion said. "Twitter takes everything up to the next step."

Champion also said there are

ways to use Twitter even if people do not have an account, like for learning about local emergencies.

In May, a water main burst and blew out a transformer, shutting off electricity in Justin Hall on a Saturday. Marin Dowlin, computer information specialist for the College of Human Ecology, said the system told him about the problem at home, so he turned to Twitter to let the rest of campus know.

'Power is still out in Justin Hall, has been for close to 45 min. Shutting down all systems," read the tweet posted at 8 a.m. on May 17.

"It didn't necessarily get us help to them more quickly, but it was definitely the most informative," Dowlin said. "It was just the easiest way to send out the broadest message."

the College of Human Ecology, said the college has three Twitter accounts, each for a different purpose. He has also found a way to connect and post to the college's Twitter, Facebook.com page and blog through a single update, using an online networking link called Ping.fm.

Dillon said summer is the best time to start using Twitter on campus, because student traffic is slower, but he said he thinks it will increase in August when students make their way back to Manhattan.

Champion said Twitter's less formal approach is what appeals to students and closes the gap between them and more professional campus outlets that might otherwise be intimidating. However, he also said students will decide whether Twitter becomes a staple at K-State.

"The future of it depends on the student body, and that depends on the culture at large," he said. "There is still a low percentage of people using it, and if those numbers don't go up pretty soon, then it might not get to be as big as some other sites like Facebook."











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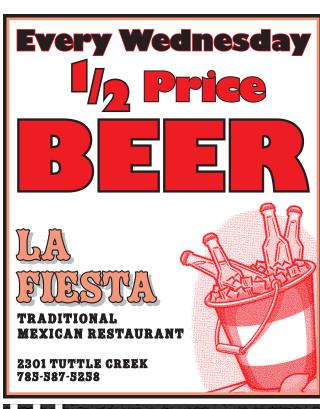
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Witches or Wizards?

Latest Potter movie reignites moral, religious issues

Witches, wizards and curses, oh my! I love Harry Potter to an embarrassing degree. I admit that I get dressed up for movies, book re-

leases and sometimes Halloween. I have the entire series in hardback and paperback, all first edition. Harry Potter's Library has been my favorite class in my five years of college, and I might even have a poster or two hanging in my room. There is nothing that can be said about Mr. Potter that will turn my view anoth-

With more than 400 million copies of the series in circulation, I am not alone in my level of fascination. So what is it with conserva-

tive religious groups leading defamation campaigns against not only the books, but the movies and the author? As the newest (and my personal favorite) movie debuts today, I find myself asking that ques-

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When it comes to the basic controversy over Harry Potter, religion is the name of the game.

Since the introduction of the books in 1997 there has been a constant struggle over the effect the characters might have on young readers. Ed Hubbard from Associated Content said, "Rowling created a phenomena that brought magic to the forefront of human thought and unwittingly reopened a new round of an ancient battle - Christianity's battle to destroy witchcraft in all its forms."

This series that has captured the hearts of young and old alike has set into motion a fight that has been brewing for fifty years, in both the United States

and the United Kingdom – a fight against Wicca.
According to *Answers.com*, Wicca is defined as "a polytheistic Neo-Pagan nature religion inspired by various pre-Christian western European beliefs, whose central deity is a mother goddess and which includes the use of herbal magic and benign witch-

But is Wicca what the students at Hogwarts are studying?

Hubbard does not think so. He writes, "Harry Potter has many components that are similar to Wicca, but really [the book] is a work of fiction."

My friends and I grew up reading the Harry Potter series and none of us started to participate in Wicca because of the influence of the books.

So what is the problem? The personal religious blog "Barbara's Entou-

rage" includes musings about how parents and religious leaders rationalize their feelings. The anonymous Barbara writes, "Any subjection of this sort will taint their minds, possibly turning [children] in the wrong way."

So if Harry Potter's type of magic can lead children "the wrong way," then how are other fantasy books acceptable?



In an interview, Richard Abanes, the author of "Harry Potter, Narnia, and the Lord of the Rings: What You Need to Know About Fantasy Books and Movies" says that one of the easiest ways to tell if a fantasy book or movie is based on real magic is if a child can look it up in the library and find the means

'If you go to the Chronicles of Narnia and the Lord of the Rings, what you see in story magic and imagination, it is not real," Abanes said. "You can't replicate it. But if you go to something like Harry Potter, you can find references to astrology, clairvoyance, and numerology. It takes seconds to go into a bookstore or library and get books on that and start

investigating it."

When "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" was published in 1997, I made the choice on my own to read the book. My mother had no problem with me reading about magic because I was able to make the decisions on my own.

Though parents want to keep an eye on their children and what books are shaping their minds, I do not think that it is appropriate to lead a crusade against something just because it is different.

Caroline Sweeney is a senior in public relations and English. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

Graphic billboards, scare tactics go too far in meth prevention

"Fifteen bucks for sex isn't normal. But on meth it is."

Those words can be found on a billboard in Montana, words displayed across a graphic image of a lumberjack-looking fellow mounting a young druggedout female. The billboard

is one of several displays in the

Montana Meth In response to this ad, report-

er Philip DeFranco said the bill-

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board in question taught him a few things: "1. Meth is Bad. 2. You can pay meth addicts \$15 to have sex with you. 3. Dinner with my girlfriend costs \$40-100 dollars a pop. 4. [It's] a recession ... and most importantly 5. Never turn your back on a lumberjack."

I think that while the Montana Meth Project has good intentions, organizers have crossed the line from informative and educational methods into the realm of

terror and scare tactics. All of the billboards that are part of the campaign are just as, if not more, graphic than the one mentioned above. They include pictures of junkies tearing into their arms with their finger-

tips, teens beating an old man for money, an abused mother on the floor of a wrecked kitchen, even a photo of a sink bloody from someone tearing their skin off.

Along with the billboards, there are about a dozen television ads with similarly graphic scenes of abuse and effects from meth. One even shows a man selling his girlfriend to a stranger for sex.

It was clear that something had to be done, though. In September 2005, Montana was ranked fifth in the nation for meth abuse in a report by the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Citing a study done at the same time, Montanameth.org indicates that 50 percent of prison inmates incarcerated were on meth-related charges and more than half of foster-care admissions

were also meth-related. However, according to the Montana Attorney General, since the launch of the campaign, meth use has dropped 63 percent among teens and 72 percent among adults

These results are awesome, but they were achieved by terrorizing people.

The Montana Meth Project says on its Web site, "We reach 70-90 percent of that target audience (12-17 year-olds) three times a week with hard-hitting messag-

It's definitely hard-hitting,

in the same way that pictures of someone kicking a puppy in order to cut down on animal violence would be hard-hitting.

I don't have kids. If I did, I certainly wouldn't want them to use meth, but at the same time, I wouldn't want them to see these images. I can only imagine how much fun it must be for parents in Montana to have to explain to their curious grade-schooler why there is an enormous picture of a man digging for bugs in his arm just outside of their favorite basketball court.

Matt Binter is a junior in sociology. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

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Did you see the NASCAR finish this week at Daytona? That's exactly what I'm talking about. NASCAR's awesome.

Getting into the Fourum in the summer is even easier than regular school.

Is it me or are the women of K-State even hotter in the summertime?

I got into the Fourum twice last week and this week I want to run out the entire thing.

Chance York's article in Wednesday, July 8's Collegian is the best article that it's ever published.

Using new technology: Our next frontier

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State approves \$700 million internal loan to pay bills

By Hannah Blick KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Kansas State Legislature decided to internally borrow \$700 million to pay off state

Gov. Mark Parkinson proposed that the state borrow from itself to help catch up on payments that had been delayed almost a month. Those payments included 35,000 tax refunds, worth \$31 million, according to The Associated Press in a July 7

According to Duane Goossen, state budget director, this is a normal procedure the state has used every year for the last decade to deal with the state's debt.

He said the average amount the state internally borrows is about \$450 million, but last year it moved around the largest amount – \$775 million. The state paid that amount off in the 2009 fiscal year, which spans from July 1 to June 30.

Goossen said the \$700 million will need to be completely paid off in the 2010 fiscal year. However, he said there is more than \$1 billion of expenditures planned for the first month of July, but only \$330 million in rev-

'So, this is the problem, but it will pick up later in the year," he said. "We'll be just fine, it will work out."

The anticipated total amount of state revenue for this fiscal year is \$5.6 billion.

Eric Higgins, professor and head of the department of finance, said the debate to borrow internally is more philosophical than practical, and the state is doing what it can to pay its bills, whether people agree or not.

'At this point, the only way to eliminate this system is to either raise taxes or eliminate spending," he said. "The reality is for the next several years, with the economy how it is, we'll be struggling."

Goossen said most legislators understand why the borrowing is necessary and are willing to

"We do this so we can pay all our bills on time; I think that's

pretty important," Goossen said. "It's a tough time for virtually every state. So I think this is a reasonable way to deal with the issue and pay off our debt."

As for the future of state internal borrowing, Goossen said he thinks it will continue to be a common practice, though the amount will vary depending on how much money is in the State General Fund balance. In order to avoid internal borrowing completely, the state would need to maintain a very high balance in the SGF.

Study to research military marriages

By Jason Miller KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In the Campus Creek Complex, there is a young professor and a research assistant who are attempting to tackle an oddly under-researched topic: military marriages. Jared Anderson, assistant professor in the marriage and family therapy department, and his graduate student Matt Johnson are currently accepting applicants from Fort Riley to participate in a marriage study specifically geared for the military, titled "The Transition

The study will be conducted through bi-yearly surveys asking 100 couples personal and relationship questions. Those involved must either be currently engaged or have been married less than one year. The study will be conducted over a four-year period to determine what, if anything, can be learned about the success or failure of a married couple in the fundamental years with the additional stress of deploy-

to Marriage in the U.S. Mil-

Anderson cited national statistics, stating that onethird of all divorces happen in the first four to five years of marriage and for that reason, his model will last the duration of that particularly fragile time period.

The deployment rotations of the U.S. military often involve a much more stressful environment than their civilian counterparts. Many service members have personally experienced multiple deployments over a four year period, and Anderson said he wants to identify what bearing this has on a young marital relationship.

Service members and their spouses must both agree to participate in the study and will be paid \$30 per couple every six months when their surveys are completed for a total of \$240. The correspondence is done via the Internet, but for those who deploy without Internet capabilities, Anderson has paper copies of the survey that can be mailed.

The lack of research previously conducted in this area is something Anderson said he hopes to correct. Anderson, whose dissertation work focused on development and change in marriage relationships, found his relocation to Manhattan advantageous as it provided access to an under-researched marital population.

There is no data in this area, so I'm using this survey as a preliminary study to get some interesting findings," Anderson said. "We'll write up the findings and the long-term goal is strengthening prevention and enhancing intervention programs."

Those who have chosen or will choose to participate in this survey will have a direct impact on the findings and therefore will indirectly assist in future marital programs for other young married couples. Anderson acknowledged that the military does much to encourage strength in relationships and said he hopes his data will be applied to make the programs currently available more pertinent and focused on the areas that make a difference in the relationship.

Another aspect that surveying the military provides is diversity. Anderson said that while there have been many different civilian surveys conducted, most of the sample groups were comprised of the college-educated middle class. Due to the wide range of education levels and economic classes that serve in the military, Fort Riley allows for a wide sample to be obtained.

In addition to separating the various sub-groups of the military, Anderson will be able to distinguish the participants on specific demographic factors, like age. This will assist Anderson in understanding whether any socio-economic factors make a difference.

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Bus accident causes traffic diversions



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Kansas Highway Patrol Master Trooper Jeremy Harwood takes measurements around an Arrow Stage Lines bus after a crash around 2:30 p.m. on K-18 west of Manhattan Monday afternoon. The bus was struck from behind by a semi-truck while attempting a legal "U"-turn, causing the bus to skid and turn over while briefly catching on fire.

By Tim Schrag KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Traffic along Kansas Highway 18 was diverted on Monday as a result of a bus wreck that occurred around 2:30 p.m. west of

Manhattan.

Lt. Greg Harkrader of the Kansas Highway Patrol said the bus, which was transporting 20 Flint Hills Job Corps students from Kansas City to Manhattan, was slowing down to make a legal U-turn when it was hit from behind by a semitruck. The bus then skidded for several feet before turning over on the passenger side.

As a result, the bus's back engine caught on fire but was put out immediately by the bus's fire suppression system.

Capt. Kurt Moldrup of the Riley County Police Department said authorities arrived on the scene shortly after the wreck. Jana Broadbent, com-

munity relations coordinator for Mercy Regional Health Center said 18 patients were taken from the scene via E.M.S., with 15 treated at Mercy and three taken to Irwin Army Community Hospital at Fort Riley. Fifteen of those treated were Job Corps students, one was an infant and the other two were the drivers. Most of the patients were released Monday evening. One is still at Mercy in good condition, and another is in a Topeka hospital in critical condition.

Everyone else has been treated and released which is good news," Broadbent said.

Traffic on K-18 was restored to normal traffic flow around 10:15 p.m. Monday. RCPD and KHP officers diverted traffic off the highway and onto Scenic Drive.

Harkrader said emergency response teams train together and work with each other enough in this area to be ready to respond to similar situations involving multiple response teams. He said he was pleased by the amount of cooperation between the various departments.

The KHP is still working on the investigation of

K-State supports updated GI Bill

By Rico van Buskirk KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State, along with more than 1,100 other colleges, universities and trade schools has entered into an agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs to enable veterans even greater accessibility to ed-

The Yellow Ribbon GI Edu-

cation Enhancement Program will cover tuition, housing, books and a supplies stipend for education at private universities and schools, as

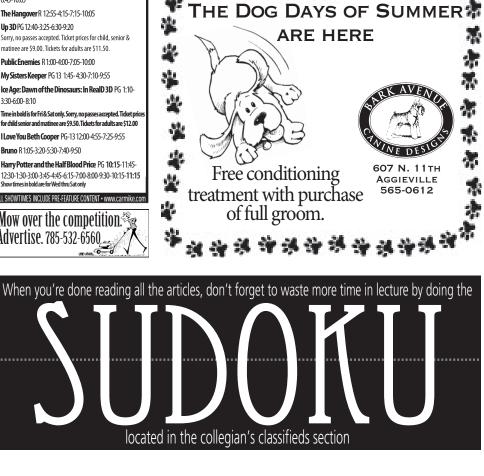
well as public schools. The Post-9/11 GI Bill was passed by Congress last year. The new GI Bill will cover expenses equivalent to the most expensive in-state public university tuition. The Yellow Ribbon program expands the Veterans Affairs financial support to include private institutions.

Veterans eligible for this program must have served at least 36 months on active duty or have served 30 days and have been medically discharged for a service-related injury or otherwise be eligible for the 100-percent benefit level of the Post-9/11 GI Bill.



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COUNTRY CONCERT

Green to stop in Manhattan for musical showcase



By Aaron Weiser KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

From "The Late Show with David Letterman" to the Houston Astrodome to New York, three-time Grammy nominee and country music star Pat Green has been all

over the country. This weekend, he's headed to Manhat-

Green is scheduled to perform at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Wareham Opera House. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at www.patgreen.com.

The Waco, Texas, native is known for his chart-toppers like "Carry On," "Wave on Wave" and the Top Ten radio hit "Let Me".

Green has toured with likes of Kenny Chesney, Keith Urban, Sugarland and the Dave Matthews Band.

The concert is part of the Jagermeister Country Tour and also features special guest Randy Houser.

Though the event is scheduled to take place at the Wareham, the concert will be sponsored by the Kat-House Lounge.





Photos by Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

A drag car makes its way down the strip on Saturday at Midwest Raceway. The car competed in both the sportsman and pro-sportsman classes.

Parents, children enjoy excitement, 'community atmosphere' found at Manhattan drag-racing track

By Chelsy Lueth

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Heads veered from left to right while eyes intently traced the path of the golden 1972 Chevrolet Chevelle chasing the 1968 Dodge Dart GTS down the drag strip. The rumbling of the engines, followed by the billowing smoke emitted from the screeching tires, marked one of the many rounds drag racers completed at Midwest Raceway for this season's first competition on Saturday.

The raceway is eight miles from Manhattan, off Kansas Highway 18 on 56th Street. More than 160 drivers entered Saturday's races; among them were an array of cars ranging from an old Volkswagen beetle to a classic 1955 Chevrolet.

"It's a carnival atmosphere in a way, but you are driving the ride," said Mike McKeeman, sportsman drag racer of St. George, Kan.,

who has raced at Midwest Raceway for the past four years. "It's just something fun to do. You know, make a little noise, meet friends, have a beer and cheeseburger and of course watch the races."

STRATEGY

Racers started the elimination rounds at 11 a.m. and proceeded to the final rounds at 4 p.m. Though there are dozens of classes in drag racing, Saturday's competition consisted of five classes: pro-sportsman, sportsman, bracket two, junior dragsters and bikes.

Midwest Raceway's drag racing structure is the form of competition called bracket racing. Contrary to popular belief, in bracket racing, the driver does not aim to drive as fast as possible toward the finish line. Instead, the driver attempts to calculate the time it will take for the car to reach the finish.

The driver who finish-



Junction City residents Ronnie Rairden, Whitney Rhyne, Damian Blaske and Ted Blaske watch the drag races Saturday afternoon. The races attracted residents from surrounding communities.

es within the closest time to his or her approximated time progresses to the next

FAMILY BUSINESS

Nancy Kampschroeder, Lecompton, Kan., resident and co-owner of Midwest Raceway, has operated Midwest Raceway for 22 years with her husband, Errol. The Kampschroeders began racing shortly after they were married and traveled to drag strips across Kansas and in several other states.

In 1986, a friend suggested the Kampschroeders buy Midwest Raceway, and upon hearing his suggestion, they did.

Kampschroeders The said they pride themselves in the fact that their track is unsponsored and independently operated. While the Kampschroeders said they maintain the track themselves for the most part, several family members helped at the race.

"Drag racing is a family sport – you compete, but you help," Kampschroeder said. "You'll meet a lot of nice people out there."

MEMORIES

Terry and Tamera Szel, Wabaunsee, Kan., residents, took advantage of this family sport by sprawling out on a blanket next to the bleachers to watch the race, while their children played.

The Szels said they have found a special place in their hearts for the Midwest Raceway.

"This was going to be our first date in 1990," Tamera said. "I was 14, he was 17, so we've been coming here for a few years. We really enjoy it. The kids enjoy it. We used to do it - he used to race out here. It's a great environment for the kids.'

Alexandria Wood-Ford, Manhattan resident, watched her daughter play with the Szels' children as their families shared a cooler during the evening races. Wood-Ford said her favorite memory is the community atmosphere.

"In high school, I remember we'd come out and just start talking and somebody's cooler of pop became everyone's cooler of pop," Wood-Ford said. "It's a community – everyone's one big family out here."

MY LIFE AS AN AWKWARD GRAD STUDENT

Power and Light, bachelor party events lead to interesting night

"What happened to your face?" Grant

asked me matter-of-factly. "I got slapped ... twice."

Twelve of us had stayed the night in the Power and Light district in Kansas City for our friend's bachelor party. The morning afwas a mess

The night before had started off well .. sort of. We carpooled from Lawrence only to have one of the cars – the one I was riding in – break down. Once in Kansas City, we rendezvoused

at the Kona Grill. Through rounds of drinks and delicious food, we tallied a \$400 tab, laughing all the while at this poor, depressing couple seated beside us. Whether or not the guy was a tool is difficult to say, but he certainly looked and

acted like one. The girl, on the other hand, sat silent with this stale look on her face that could be closely related to an infant's after having its first taste of cough medicine - and I mean real cough medicine. Clearly she's disgusted with the whole situation, and worse, she's having such a bad

time that she's perfectly content not hiding

it. I loved it. Then she pulled out her phone

and began the texting, while he sat silent,

checking out the groom job on his manicured nails. Wes Anderson couldn't have directed a more perfect scene ... well, maybe Wes, but not Opie.



REICHENBERGER

Matt, the bachelor, was instructed by his little darling not to have more than six drinks and to check in every two hours. We topped the drink limit at dinner and I changed the key-lock on his phone to prevent the checkups. Matt's a good guy;

I think she could handle

trusting him that night.

We were just going out to the bars at Power and Light; nothing too crazy. Though at the first bar, there were a couple random people frantically fornicating in the corner. Classy.

Eventually the group was split and got stuck with two flower girls from Wisconsin, who attached themselves to us. I then led us to the piano bar. It rocked, but halfway through some song I, holding their cameras, got lost again. Being from small-town Wisconsin, they assumed I stole their cameras, and they freaked out, running around the

whole area trying to find me. Jackie, the more competent of the two girls, found me at the same piano bar, sitting down, waiting for anyone after having al-

ready searched the bar several times. She slapped me.

"Where have you been?!" she asked. "Right here. Where the hell did you go?" I said, rubbing my face.

"We thought you stole our stuff so we reported you to the cops."

Awesome. "Thank you," I smiled at her.

"We gotta go. If the cops find you they'll probably arrest you and I can't imagine what Betsy [Wisconsin girl No. 2] is doing right now. I'm sure she's crying some-

And she was. She had found the rest of my friends and, refusing to let go of their arms, sat there crying. My friend Kyle didn't know what was going on, but he assured her I had not taken their stuff. She didn't care.

So Kyle called me and eventually Jackie and I tracked them down only to find some were in line for the mechanical bull, while Kyle was off at the side, obviously annoyed

and little Betsy was crying her eyes out ... until she saw me, of course. At that instant the tears ceased and she marched right up to me, hit me in the chest a couple times and slapped me good across the face. Beautiful.

The inside of my lip was cut open. I don't know how I got singled out in all that mess, but the weirdest part was, at the end of the night, Matt was the only sober one out of the lot. So we shoved a few more shots down his throat before going up to our rooms where we were unexpectedly faced with the task of kicking two prostitutes out of one of them.

What the hell was that about, Ernie?" we asked the one guy we found in the room.

"Hey man, I was just hanging out here and those girls just came into my room and started soliciting. I didn't want anything to

Right, Ernie. I loved that he actually used the word "soliciting." It was just a weird, weird night. I wonder if the cops are still looking for me ...

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Alicia Greene, Kansas City, Mo., resident, browses through a collection of Indian-influenced blouses in Zotcis Saturday afternoon. Zotcis promoted Indian culture Saturday through clothing items, accessories, henna tattoos and Indian snacks. For a full story, visit kstatecollegian.com.

Jazz festival promises variety

For more information

about Saturday's festi-

val, visit www.k-state.

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KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Manhattan will be getting groovy this

weekend at the Little Apple **Jazz** Festival. The festival will run from

4:30 to 10 p.m. on Saturday in City Park. The event will feature ensembles like the USAR Jazz Band,

the Missouri State University Jazz Combo and the Barefoot Dixieland Band.

Single acts include guitarist Will Mat-

thews from Kansas City, Mo., and bluesy singer-songwriters Cami Stinson and Les Lankhorst from Salina, who also perform around the world on cruise ships and at resorts.

"There's going to be a wide variety because it's not just one type of jazz music," said Courtney Smith, senior in marketing and summer committee co-chair of Union Program Council. "If you're interested in listening to a diverse

range of music, then it's going to be a great evening of fun."

CITY | Water charges also disputed at meeting

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Budget changes can be made after publication, but any taxes planned for levy cannot be raised, only lowered.

You can publish the budget, but I'm not very happy with the budget," said Commissioner Loren J. Pepperd.

Despite the commission's concerns with parts of the budget proposal, the finance department contended the budget should be pub-

"We would recommend you publish the budget as it is," Hayen said.

The Commission also debated the manner

by which customers are charged for water.

Water from the city water treatment facility is charged on a decreasing scale. With this format, the largest consumers of water - K-State being the largest – pay less for their water. Total water output is assessed in ranges, with 92 percent of customers using less than 2,500 gallons per month. The remaining eight percent pay less for their quantities of water on a range that reduces their overall cost per gallon.

The mayor contends that the 92 percent of people consuming less water than, for instance, the university, are in fact subsidizing the university and other large consumers by paying a higher price per gallon.



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4:30pm-5:15pm 319 USAR Jazz Band

5:15pm-6:00pm Missouri State University Jazz Combo 6:00pm-6:45pm Will Matthews

6:45pm-7:30pm Missouri State University Jazz Combo 7:30pm-8:15pm Barefoot Dixieland Band

8:15pm-9:00pm Cami and The Riot 9:00pm-10:00pm Les Lankhorst (headliner)

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Kite's takes top spot in online college sports bar contest

By Caroline Sweeney KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

There is a new reason to go down to Aggieville and celebrate this sum-

Kite's Grille and Bar is the winner of the Ultimate College Sports Bar Showdown sponsored by Redshirtfiles.

Kite's beat Clemson University's The Esso Club for the crown. According to Redshirtfiles.com, Kite's beat Esso Club by 3,376 votes, taking 64 percent of the total 11,894 votes tallied. Kite's also beat Kegler's of West

Virginia University, Eskimo Joe's of Oklahoma State University and Nick's English Hut of Indiana University. So what is in it for Kite's?

"The winning bar will get a personal visit from the Redshirt Files Staff where we will take the lucky person who first nominated the bar out to indulge in some adult beverages and deliver the trophy," according to Redshirtfiles.com.

Bo Harris, manager at Kite's, said Nelson, a waitress at Kite's.

there is more in store for the bar and its patrons than a trophy.

We are still planning on throwing a party, we are just trying to work out the details," Harris said. He also said the celebration would happen some-

time in August. "Yeah, it's a great thing. We're definitely excited," Harris said.

Julie Nelson, manager at Kite's, said she thinks this will be a great thing for Kite's and for Aggieville.

"I hope this brings more people from out of town to the bar," Nelson said. She also said thank-you parties will take place at both the Aggieville Kite's location and the location off U.S. Highway 24.

'One of the managers got us into the competition, after the deadline had passed," Nelson said. "So I think that it's great that we won."

Along with the party hosted by Kite's and a visit by Redshirtfiles.com staff, Kite's will be featured on Thecollegebarscene.com.

"I think it's awesome," said Christy

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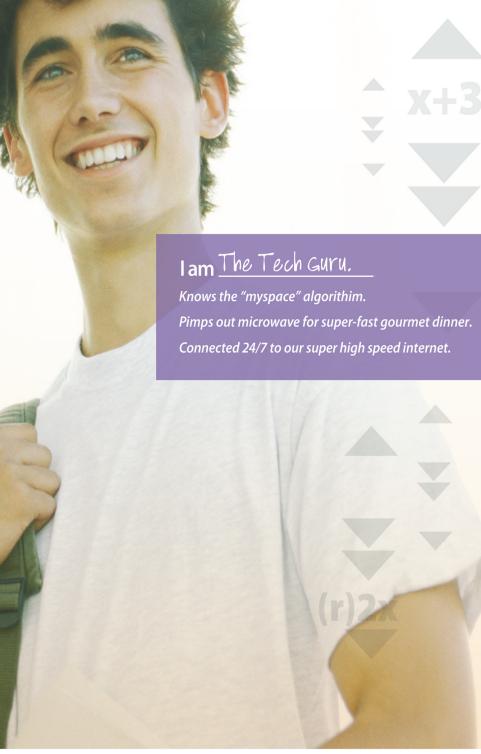
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